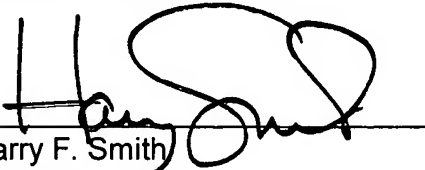


**REMARKS**

The applicants elect the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-14, 58-77 and 110-114, for prosecution on the merits.

A favorable consideration that results in the allowance of claims 1-14, 58-77 and 110-114 is earnestly solicited.

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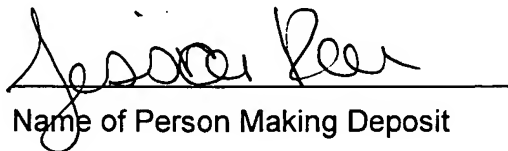
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